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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This responds to the August 10, 2005 Restriction Requirement issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants enclose herewith a petition for a five (5)-month extension of time to file this Response, and a check for \$1080.00 in payment of the extension fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5). A response is due by February 10, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Response.